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1. The 308 Division is concentrated north of Hoa Binh.
  - a. The 36 Regiment has been at Tu Ly (105-15, 20-53) since 26 January.
  - b. The 88 Regiment has been at Xom Dong (north of Hoa Binh) since 24 January.
  - c. The 102 Regiment went east across the Red River on 26 January towards Vien Nam Mountain (105-27, 20-56).
2. The 304 Division is concentrated south of Hoa Binh.
  - a. The 9 Regiment has been at Kem Hem (sic) since 25 January.
  - b. The 66 Regiment has been at Man Pa (south of Dong Ben (105-23, 20-54)) since 26 January.
  - c. The 57 Regiment is northwest of Chi Ne (105-47, 20-29) and is assigned to oppose French operations in the vicinity of Cho Ben and Phu Ly.
3. Headquarters of the 351 Division is at Ban Pu (103-47, 21-28).
4. The Hoa Binh Regional Guerrilla Battalion is north of Luong Son.
5. The 312 Division with headquarters at Phan Luong (105-19, 21-30) has moved north from the Tu Vu area to a sector northeast of Phu Tho with the mission to block a possible French offensive on Route 2.
6. The Communist attack on Bac Ninh on 21 January was designed to test the strength of local Franco-Vietnamese occupation forces. On 29 January Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) forces invaded Bac Giang and controlled the town until evening of the same day. Some civilians were evacuated.

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The 176 and 174 Regiments took part in the attack on Bac Giang; the 175 Regiment with headquarters at Yen Dung (105-42, 18-41) is in reserve.

7. The 320 Division has infiltrated the Red River Delta in the vicinity of Nam Dinh and Bui Chu (106-19, 20-18). It relieved the 42 Regiment which has moved toward Ban Yen Nhan (sic) for operations north of Hung Yen.<sup>1</sup>
  - a. The 64 Regiment is active in the vicinity of Nam Dinh.
  - b. The 48 Regiment is moving south toward Bui Chu.
  - c. The 52 Regiment is south of Bui Chu.
  - d. The Ha Nam-Ninh Binh 167 Regional Regiment is active in the vicinity of Nam Truc (106-11, 20-20-14).
8. Elements of a mixed DRV-Laotian army with Hoang Sam as commanding officer has moved east towards Phu Ngo Quan to relieve the 320 Division. Other elements are still at Hoi Xuan (105-07, 20-22) and La Han (105-11, 20-22). This army is believed to bear the number 413.<sup>2</sup>
9. Location of other regional units: The 95 and Son Tay Battalions are in the vicinity of Thanh Thuy. The 64 Battalion is in the vicinity of Son Tay. The 437 Battalion is in the vicinity of Phu Lo (105-50, 21-12). The 20 Battalion is in the vicinity of Bu Duong (106-09, 21-07). The Hai Duong Battalion is in the vicinity of Lang Tai (sic). The Hung Yen Battalion is in the vicinity of Hung Nhan (106-18, 18-04). The Thai Battalion is in the vicinity of Tien Hung (105-59, 20-10). The Ha Dong Battalion is in the vicinity of Ung Hoa (105-54, 20-43).

25X1A [ ] Comment. The DRV army is continually gaining strength and has improved its organization, communications, fire power and morale. The major effort is still on the Hoa Binh-Route 6 front. Aside from the Franco-Vietnamese military posts, the DRV virtually controls the entire Red River Delta region.

- 25X1A 1. [ ] Comment. This is the first time an entire division has infiltrated the delta region. This activity points to an increase in guerrilla operations.

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